



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held February 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe:

“On January 6, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion instructing the Director of Health Services to report back on the financial impact of the LA Care Health Plan’s Medi-Cal Auto Assignment Redistribution proposal on the Community Health Plan (CHP), a Los Angeles County owned and operated healthcare plan.

“The Department of Health Services (DHS) and LA Care Health Plan staff members confirm that the County would lose an estimated \$1.4 million annually under LA Care’s proposal to reduce Medi-Cal default assignments to the CHP. Based on this finding, the Director of Health Services opposes any reductions in Medi-Cal default assignments to the CHP. The \$1.4 million loss to the County will further deteriorate the financial health of DHS hospitals and health centers and compromise Los Angeles County’s safety net mission of providing healthcare for the uninsured and under insured. Given further the impact of the State budget crisis on the County, the decreasing number of Medi-Cal enrollees, and the Governor’s plan to reform the Medi-Cal program, a reduction in the default assignment to the CHP may harm Los Angeles County’s fragile health system.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board went on record in opposition to any reduction in the Medi-Cal auto-assignment percentage to the Community Health Plan and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter informing the LA Care Health Plan Board of Governors of the Board's position prior to its February 5, 2004 meeting.

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Director of Health Services

Letter sent to:

- Chief Executive Officer, LA Care Health Plan